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The Weather
FLORIDA: Fair in south and mostly cloudy in north portion tonight and Tuesday. Extreme Northwest Florida: Rain tonight; Tuesday cloudy, rain in east portion.

THE DAILY DEMOCRAT

The Tides
High tides today in Apalachee bay will be at 2:30 a. m. and 4 p. m. Low tides at 9:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

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CHARGE JESUP MAN IN DEATH OF STEP CHILD

Girl, 14, Dies in Hospital; Mother Tells Pitiful Story to Sheriff

JESUP, Ga. (AP)—Sheriff R E Warren of Wayne county announced the arrest of a 51-year-old itinerant repairman, charged with stamping to death his stepdaughter, aged 14, while the child's mother, bound hand and foot, lay helpless nearby.

The child, bleeding about the mouth and ears, was removed to a hospital in Brunswick last Wednesday, where she died a day or two later.

The father, Warren said, reported she had been struck by a "hit and run motorist."

Denies Abuse

The sheriff said the accused man, listed as L R Ward, formerly of Montgomery county, denied he struck the girl, but that the mother told us the most pitiful story I ever heard."

The stepfather, Warren said, was arrested during funeral services for the child last Saturday near Lyons, Ga. The sheriff said he would rather not say where the father is held, nor where the mother of the child and a 12-year-old brother of the girl are being.

The brother of Mrs Ward had become suspicious and swore out a warrant against Ward when he was in jail at Lyons, Warren said.

Blames Hit-Run Car

"We went over the to investigate. He denied striking the child. He claimed his wife told him a car hit her.

"We questioned the wife—and mother of the two children, Maude, 14, the victim, and her little brother, 12 years old.

"The wife said Ward stamped the child at a camp in Jeff Davis county, and that he tied her hands with rope, her feet with chain so she could not help the child.

"The hospital at Brunswick said the girl's body bore numerous bruises and that her stomach was swollen.

"I had rather not go into details as to why the stepfather beat the girl, except to say it was jealousy."

Rosa Ponselle Is Married

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP) — Romance like a page from a story book has come to lead beautiful Rosa Ponselle to the altar but not away from opera.

Soon—just how soon she cannot say yet—she will wed tall and handsome Carle A Jackson, the beau-ideal she found in quiet and cultured Baltimore. But her singing will go on.

That much they made clear as Miss Ponselle entertained her husband-to-be at the Green Spring valley mansion where she is staying.

So much does he admire her singing that he will not smoke in her presence. He is quite a smoker but does not want to take any chance of irritating her throat.

It was his love for music that led to their meeting not quite a year ago at the opera here. He said it was "love at first sight for him." Miss Ponselle said that as for her she did not know whether it was or not but "I liked him a lot."

After that meeting, Jackson got a substitute to play for him in an indoor polo game and went to see Miss Ponselle instead.

"And I have been giving up polo and hunting ever since," he said in mock seriousness.

"But I don't want you to give them up," his bride-to-be insisted.

Miss Ponselle confided that the young Baltimorean met all of the requirements for an ideal husband she gave in an interview ten years ago. "I stick to that story," she said. "He qualifies 100 per cent."

Protest Freight Rates

JACKSONVILLE. (AP) — The Florida waterways congress will ask a rate conference here today for reduced freight rates on transportation of small pleasure boats to Florida by rail.

To Study Beach Erosion

WASHINGTON (AP)—The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association will discuss at a meeting here Dec 14 what share the federal government should bear in preserving Atlantic beaches endangered by wind and tide erosion.

Beauty's Honor at Stake in Husband's Triple Duel

"If my husband is outdueled, I am sorry," beautiful Magda Sargas (left), Budapest heiress, commented in citing the Hungarian code which would prevent her from avenging her husband in the event she was killed in the lists of honor. But she was obviously relieved when circumstances delayed the three duels which Dr. Franz Sargas (right), penniless writer, was scheduled to fight to avenge alleged insults to her. His opponents are men who, he charges, accused him of marrying her for her money. Sargas is reported to have borrowed $10 with which to rent the dueling pistols for the engagements. Originally nine duels were scheduled, but apologies reduced the number to three.

Bu-bu-Bing Is Silent About Bu-bu-Battle

HOLLYWOOD. (AP)—Bing Crosby's reputation as a bu-bu-battling crooner flourished, bu-bu-based on a couple of bu-bu-bu-blows outside a San Diego cafe. But Bing denied earlier reports they were aimed at heckling sailors of the United States fleet.

The hostilities apparently were declared as the blue of the night melted into the gold of the dawn, but Bing's brother, Larry, said he was uncertain of the enemy's identity.

"The navy was on our side," explained Crosby to Brother Larry, who, as business manager, has to worry about damage suits and such.

"There wasn't much to it—a poke or two—but it was all settled to everybody's satisfaction. Let's forget it."

Bing stayed a step ahead of those seeking verification of the reported disturbance last Saturday morning. He left to see his stable race at Bay Meadows after attending a football game here Saturday.

Larry, who quizzed the singing actor briefly, was obliged to furnish a second-hand account of the Crosby war.

Highway Officials To Leave Tuesday

Chairman Chester B Treadway and about 18 others, most of them officials and supervisors in the state road department, will leave Tuesday for San Francisco to attend the annual convention of the American Association o State Highway Officials, Dec 7-10.

The party will go from here in a special car attached to the Seaboard's New Orleans train.

Chairman Treadway and others in the group will fill places on the program. They expect to return in about 14 days.

Chairman Treaway, Mrs Treadway, W R Gall, W G Smith, Mrs Smith, J H Dowling, Mrs Dowling, L K Cannon, H W Sheppard, A A Simpson, W M Boozer, Mrs Boozer, W Henry Thomas, T S Beard, Mrs Beard, L B Thrasher, E S Lofberg, E A Stanley and Miss Mass Cassidy will make the excursion.

Mr and Mrs H C Weathers already are enroute to San Francisco, by automobile.

A and W F Gets Receiver

CHIPLEY, (AP)—H D Emerson of Chipley was appointed receiver for the Alabama and Western Florida Railroad company, which operates 36 miles of track between here and Southport, Fla.

Circuit Judge E G Welch made the appointment after creditors filed application for a receivership.

Screw Worm Official Dies

ARCADIA, (AP)—Injuries received in an automobile accident near Bradenton last Wednesday were fatal here to Abe Whidden, 27, DeSoto county screw worm control director.

YOUTH KILLED IN CAR CRASH

Had Been Visiting Here; Two Companions Hurt

GAINESVILLE. (AP)—Donald McPherson, 19, of Tampa, was killed, and two other youths injured in an automobile accident on state highway 19, between the Suwanee river and Chiefland about 4:30 o'clock this morning.

The injured are: Billie Moore, and Jimmie Young both of Clearwater.

The accident occurred. State Road Patrolman R D Dixon who investigated, stated when McPherson, who was driving, apparently lost control of the car after doing off. The car, a light sedan, was badly damaged. Apparently it turned over several times.

Moore and Young were brought to Gainesville by J B Anderson, of Wilcox. Police sent an ambulance to the scene of the accident. McPherson was pinned beneath the car.

Moore and Young were given first aid treatment at a local hospital, and later transferred to the home of a Gainesville physician. Their injuries were reported as slight.

The trio had been visiting in Tallahassee over the week-end, and were enroute home at the time of the accident it was reported.

Remove Sandspur From Vocal Cords

ST PETERSBURG. (AP)—Eleven-year-old Catherine Lopez is recovering from an unusual throat operation by which a sandspur was removed from between her vocal cords.

Lodged in such a way that involuntary muscular action wedged it tighter in the child's throat, the spiny particle was taken out by Dr Joseph W Taylor with a pair ed forceps after insertion of a bronchoscope, an instrument which carries a small electric light into the recesses of the throat.

Dr Taylor said it is the first instance in his experience of a foreign object being lodged in the vocal cords, the difficulty being to avoid injury to the delicate cords.

Texas Centennial Closes

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—The last of 6,333,827 visitors witnessed in a drizzling rain the closing of the Texas Centennial exposition.

Final day attendance was 48,950. Officials estimated more than one million out-of-state visitors saw the $25,000,000 display.

Directors plan to re-open the exposition for a second season June 12, 1937.

No Thanks, Mayor

LINCOLN, Neb.—Mayor Charles W Bryan thought he was doing a good turn when he authorized the release of eight minor offenders from the city jail for the Thanksgiving holiday.

He wasn't so sure about it, however, when informed that three of them refused to leave and one of five others returned after an hour's liberty.

Flashes Of Life

(By The Associated Press)

Broken Pole

INDIANAPOLIS — Firemen began to think for a while they might as well establish headquarters at the home of J A Strack.

At 8:30 a m they made a run to the Strack home and extinguished a small roof fire. At 9:02 they had to go back and put out another fire and at 9:30 Strack called them back to extinguish a third blaze.

Sparks caused all three fires.

Deadly Calm

CHICAGO—A gunman put Mrs Rosemarie Fenlon in the morgue.

But it was a push, not a bullet, that put her there, temporarily. The robber, annoyed because his holdup netted only $1, locked her in with a corpse.

Mrs Fenlon took it quite calmly. Her husband is an undertaker. The holdup occurred in his mortuary.

Sour Notes

RICHMOND, Va—Music loving prisoners at the state penitentiary, Superintendent Rice M Yowell has ruled, must buy their radios from the prison commissary hereafter. The reason:

"A felon's friends sent him a battery set. In a concealed compartment of the cabinet, guards found a brace of pistols.

"Dangerous loudspeakers," said a guard.

A WPA Strike

JOPLIN, Mo—George Workman was swinging a pick on a WPA ditch project.

Two feet below the surface his pick struck a pocket of lead ore. Workman promptly leased the property on which he was digging and announced he would become a lead miner.

Big Boy, What Now?

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—An army recruiting officer looked at Norman W Willard, 19; weight 191 pounds; height 6 feet 8½ inches; footprint, 12 inches long.

Then he vetoed Willard's ambition to be a soldier.

Already he was too big, the officer explained, for the largest army shoes made, and no telling what proportions he would reach when full grown.

Their Swan Song

LOS ANGELES—Police arrested three unemployed men in Westlake Park—one carrying a butcher knife, another a freshly slain swan, and all three possessing large appetites.

The latter, they admitted, were to have been satisfied with broiled swan. Pending a check on park's swan population, however, police put the trio on jail rations, no part of which was swan meat.

Bully Market

CHICAGO —Business boomed this week for Chicago dealers in hay and feed.

Fourteen thousand new consumers came to town simultaneously. They are the cattle, horses, sheep and swine here for the International livestock exposition. Daily they eat some 200 tons of hay and 50 tons of grain.

FRANCE, BRITAIN FORM ALLIANCE WITH BELGIANS

Arms Trade Sest Record; Soviet Boasts Of Air Power

(By The Associated Press)

France, Great Britain and Belgium have formed what virtually amounts to a three power military accord, informed sources in Paris said, interpreting the projected pact as signalling a new western European alliance.

French Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos will announce the rapprochement Friday, these sources said, returning Britain's assurance of last wee k that the powers will come to each other's aid to repel unprovoked aggression.

Express Fears

Similar guarantees to those extended to Belgium by British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, authoritative sources said, will mark the French announcement, linking the three state.

As the nations of western Europe turned to one another League of Nations circles expressed fears that Spain's appeal to the council against the fascist central European powers of Germany and Italy would further embroil the international situation.

Russia, in the east, completed the sweep of developments across the continent and disclaimed any need of foreign aid.

Climaxing heated attacks on fascism, President Molotof of the soviet council of commissars said Russia relies on "nobody but ourselves and our own strength."

The president's speech followed an announcement that Russia's strength in the air would soon reach at least 7,000 airplanes and more than 100,000 pilots.

Arms Trade Large

The announcement of the figures was made in direct answer to the claims of nazi Germany—linked to Japan by an anti-communism accord—of 70,000 fliers in the near future.

In Geneva, where League of Nations circles were considering means of shunning the Spanish appeal from the council, the total known trade in arms for 1935 was disclosed to be $43,600,000.

The figures, highest since 1929, were believed to show only a percentage of the world-wide traffic in munitions. The league announcement warned it would be rash to accept its figures as complete.

France, worried by an international situation aggravated by the leftist-rightist civil war in Spain, faced an internal problem, brought about by the same conflict, that may result in the fall of Premier Leon Blum's cabinet.

Continued communist attacks against the government brought a crisis within the ruling popular front over support for the Madrid government. Blum has insisted on neutrality.

Meanwhile in the country about Madrid, where the world struggle between fascism and socialism-communism is being waged in miniature on the field of battle, a full developed in the military situation.

Fascist bombers loosed their deadly loads in two raids over the environs of the city but failed to attack the heart of the capital.

The failure, government sources said, linked with slight advances of their militia, indicated a breaking in the fascist attack on Madrid.

Roosevelt Stands Firm Against a Third Term

NEW YORK. (AP) — President Roosevelt is represented as standing firmly against seeking a third term.

George Creel, a former co-worker of Mr Roosevelt in the Wilson administration, quoted the chief executive, in an article to be published in Collier's magazine, as saying:

"On January 21, 1941, when a new president takes over, I will be in Hyde Park having the time of my life."

The publishers of the magazine described the article as authoritative.

Kansas Grants ex-Convict's Request To Die, "Quietly," in State Prison

LANSING, Kas. (AP)—Estil P Butler, 60, at his own request for a "quiet place to die," is back in the Kansas penitentiary.

An occupant of prisons for 24 years, Butler was paroled last April by Gov Alf M Landon from serving out a life term for possessing a quart of liquor—a severe penalty made mandatory under the Kansas habitual criminal act. Friends said he went "straight."

But he became seriously ill. Without relatives, he made his strange request. Last night it was granted by Fred G Palmer, the man to whom Butler was paroled.

"I've spent so much of my life in prison that it will seem like home," Butler said.

King Pays Tribute to War Dead

It was a serious King Edward VIII who attended the recent annual Festival of Remembrance for British soldiers killed in the World War. As the king, center, sat with Baron de Cartier de Marchienne, left, Belgian ambassador, and Field Marshal Lord Milne during the program, he revealed himself in an unusually solemn mood. The festival, in Royal Albert Hall, London, was climaxed with the release of more than a million poppy petals, one for each British subject killed in the war.

STATE PROBES PEONAGE CLAIM AT MACCLENNY

American Federation Of Labor Asked Sholtz For Inquiry

(By The Associated Press)

State investigators were assigned to determine whether negro laborers are held in peonage at a turpentine producing camp near Macclenny in Baker county.

Governor Sholtz ordered the investigation after receiving from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, a protest against such a policy of exploitation and oppression.

Not Countenanced

"Peonage is not to be countenanced in Florida," said the governor. "If such a condition is found to exist," he telegraphed President Green, "you may be sure every facility will be used to the end that it may be discontinued."

Green's protest was telegraphed from Tampa. "Will you please investigate the situation," he said, "and if the facts developed show peonage and exploitation, take such steps as may be necessary to stop it immediately."

Charges Filed

Charges that negroes in the turpentine camp "are held in slavery" were made before the American Federation of Labor convention at Tampa by A Philip Randolph, negro president of the sleeping car porters.

He quoted statements by an investigating committee that poorly paid negro workers at the camp "may suffer beatings, and their very lives may be threatened if they attempt to leave."

Trapping Season To Open Tuesday

Florida's open season for trapping fur-bearing animals will open Tuesday, December 1. The bid will go down March 1.

At the office of the state game department it was said about 1,600 trapping licenses were sold last year. Levy county sells more trappers' licenses than any of the other 66 counties. About 15 persons usually buy these licenses from County Judge May Walker in Leon.

There are five kinds of trappers licenses, as follows:

Resident county, $3.25; non-resident county (for Floridians), $10.50; resident state, $25.50; non-resident county (one county for out-of-staters), $25.50; and non-resident state, $100.50.

Officials said no trapper has bought a $100 license.

Florida fur-bearing animals include the mink, otter, skunk, raccoon, o'possum, muskrat and beaver.

Want To Buy A Lighthouse?

WASHINGTON, (AP)—For sale—one secondhand lighthouse—see United States government.

Through a trick of the waves and man's industry ashore, the old Absecon lighthouse has, after 40 years, found itself in the business section of Atlantic City instead of out with the gales and billowing water.

Built in 1856, the 150-foot tower was 1,300 feet from the ocean waterline and far from anything like a bustling city. By 1876 the water had made its way to within 75 feet of the beacon.

Apprehensive, the government threw up a series of jetties. The engineering feat worked—the sea beat a retreat until it is now 1,500 feet from the lighthouse.

While the government was battling the waves, Atlantic City began expanding. Pacific avenue—one of the city's main arteries, grew past the old structure.

The street is now occupied by large buildings, obstructing the view of the lighthouse from the sea, making it practically useless to ships.

Abandoned as a lighthouse in 1933, it remained the home of a caretaker who annually shows 30,000 landlubbers over the property.

The treasury will ask for bids December 15. Officials say the property should make a nice night club.

Shrinking Man Now Gaining

MINNEAPOLIS, (AP)—The "shrinking man" of Minneapolis—51-year-old Hans Nelson—cheerfully pointed to a 15-pound gain in weight as evidence that he was making a comeback.

The shrunken painter, victim of the bone disease ostiamalacia, dwindled in stature from 5 feet 10 inches to 5 feet and in weight from 190 pounds to 140 in 13 years.

But corrective dietine and injections of calcium at the University of Minnesota hospital have enabled him to throw off that "tired feeling," he said, and to resume normal human pursuits.

"I have gained 15 pounds last summer I drove by car several thousand miles and I can putter around the garage," said Nelson. "Those wonderful doctors have helped me. Maybe I will be able to work again."

University of Minnesota medical authorities were not so sanguine. Nelson is gaining strength but the shrinkage has not been definitely checked. They said he suffered two relapses during his year of treatment and was bedridden for several months.

Ostiamalacia is a softening of bone tissues due to lack of calcium, attending physicians said. It may be due to a tumor of the parathyroid. Occasionally the gland becomes over-accelerated so that calcium is passed out too rapidly to be assimilated by the bones.

To Enlarge Hospital

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The office of Senator Andrews, of Florida said a $229,327 contract had been awarded to the Brice Building company, Birmingham, for the construction of additions to the veterans hospital at Bay Pines, Florida.

AVERAGES LEAD TRAPS DAPPER MID-WEST THUG

Boasted He Was Expert Automobile Driver; Nabbed in Car

INDIANAPOLIS. (AP)—The law of averages finally caught up with George Daffron, 26, of Vincennes, Ind. a dapper mid-west desperado, who boasts he's "the best automobile driver in the country."

Since Oct 27 police have set numerous traps for Daffron, wanted on charges of robbery, burglary, auto theft and kidnaping, but he slipped through every one of them until Sunday. A squad of state policemen, aided by Davis county officers, surprised Daffron and a woman companion in their locked car in a corn field near Elnora and arrested them without firing a shot.

Companion Held

He was brought here and locked up on charges of kidnaping and auto theft. His woman companion, Lillian Simpson, 22, of Middletown, O. was slated on a charge of vagrancy.

He first became the object of a widespread police hunt after a shooting affray in a Cincinnati, O. tavern several weeks ago. Two women companions named him and a James Cotton as the men involved.

The kidnaping charge here developed on Oct 29 when Mrs John Langrall told police a man, boasting that he was Daffron, and a woman forced her to drive them to the home of Daffron's brother to obtain a gun. She called police but the couple fled.

Denies Kidnaping

Police said Daffron admitted the affair but denied doing the shooting in the fight at Cincinnati and also denied kidnaping Mr and Mrs James Carter and their small child recently and forcing them to drive him to Texas.

The Carters were arrested at Terre Haute recently after their return to Indiana, during the widespread hunt for Daffron.

Police hoped to obtain from them information that would lead to Daffron's capture. Fugitive charges were placed against the Carters and they are still held in jail at Terre Haute.

LANDON ON WAY TO MONTICELLO

Jokes About Campaign With Newsmen

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Gov Alf M Landon of Kansas, enroute by train to Monticello, Fla. for bass fishing, radiate optimism during a brief stop here.

"Are you going to catch any fish, governor?" he was asked.

"I've got more chance than I had in the last campaign," the recent presidential candidate replied with a smile.

Landon was accompanied by L E Phillips, Oklahoma oil executive, his host for the fishing party. Landon inquired of him:

"How much did you say you lessered the river there (the Florida fishing site) on your first day's fishing?"

"Why it went down five inches in one day after I got my fish out," said Phillips.

Told there was a lot of catfish in the Mississippi river here, Landon commented:

"That's real fishing—cork fishing."

"You are in a democratic stronghold, Governor," a friend reminded.

"Tell me where there isn't one, will you?" Landon laughed.

IOOF Membership Race to End Dec. 1

Local Odd Fellows are reminded Tuesday, Dec 1, is the last day of the membership contest.

L E Jinks, noble grand of Leon Lodge No 5, said applications for the class to be initiated will be received as late as the morning of Dec 8, but none taken later than Dec 1 will be counted for either team in the contest.

Piney Woods lodge, Thomasville, will send a degree team here to put on the work. The class will be known as the I F Jinks class, in honor of the noble grand here. Thomasville will send a large delegation to the meeting, in addition to its degree team.

A large attendance of local and visiting Odd Fellows is anticipated. A feed will feature the meeting, in addition to the initiation ceremony.

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